

Post 1956 Military Deposit - CSRS

What Is Military Service?

Military service for CSRS purposes is honorable active service in the following uniformed services: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard and after June 30, 1960, in the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service, and after June 30, 1961, service in the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and its predecessor agency.

Can I Receive Credit For Service In the Military Reserves?

Active duty in the various reserve components of the branches listed above is creditable for Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS). That is, service in any reserve component is creditable when the individual is called to active duty period only. Such periods include annual active duty training periods. (Note: when an employee performs annual active duty training service during which he or she is on military leave with pay from a civilian position, the period is credited as civilian, not military service.

When Is A Period Of Military Service Creditable For Retirement Purposes?

A period of military service may be credited for retirement and death benefits purposes, subject to the following conditions:

- a. The military service was performed before the date of separation upon which title to an annuity is based;
- b. It was active duty;
- c. It was not included in the computation of military retired pay, or if it was included in retired pay, the retired pay was awarded based on disability incurred in combat with an enemy of the United States or caused by an instrumentality of war and incurred in the line of duty during a period of war; or granted under the provisions of chapter 67, title 10, of the U.S. Code.
- d. It was honorable service;
- e. A deposit is made for post 1956 military service as required. For CSRS employees, the requirements for a deposit are dependent upon whether you were first employed before 10-1-82 or after 10-1-82. The specific rules are identified below.

First Employed Before 10-01-82

1. If you are eligible for Social Security Benefits at retirement or at age 62 and:

a. Deposit paid. Your Post-56 military service will be credited for title (eligibility for retirement) and computation of the annuity.

b. No Deposit is made. Your Post-56 military service will be credited for title. If you are not eligible for Social Security at retirement, but will become eligible at age 62, your Post-56 military service will be credited for computation of your annuity until age 62. At that time the credit for Post-56 military service is eliminated. Your annuity will be re-computed by subtracting

the years of Post-56 service from the total number of years of combined civilian and military service. This typically reduces the CSRS annuity by 2% for each year of Post-56 military service. For example, an employee age 55 with 30 years of combined service (4 years of which is Post-56 military service) would be eligible for retirement. However, if he/she does not make a military deposit and becomes eligible for Social Security at age 62, his/her annuity would then be recomputed and reduced by 8% (4 years X 2% = 8%). If you are eligible for Social Security at the time of retirement (normally age 62 or older), the Post-56 service will not be used in the computation of your annuity.

2. If you will not be eligible for Social Security at 62 (or retirement, if later); no deposit is required and you will receive full credit for Post-56 military service with no future reduction.

First Employed On or After 10-01-82:

Depends upon payment of the deposit alone, not on whether or not you will be eligible for Social Security Benefits. Non-payment of a deposit will bar credit for both title and computation purposes.

How Much Does The Deposit Cost?

For periods of active duty service prior to 1 January 1999, the deposit equals 7% of base pay (not including allowances earned during the Post 1956 military service). For periods of service performed during 1999, the deposit equals 7.25%, during 2000, the deposit equals 7.40%, and after 31 December 2000, the deposit returns to 7.00% of base pay (not including allowances earned during the Post 1956 military service).

What Are the Procedures To Make A Military Deposit? *(These procedures apply to "full service" employees only. "Limited service" employees should contact their servicing Civilian Personnel Flight for deposit procedures and assistance.)*

You should contact BEST to obtain the appropriate forms and instructions. You will need to complete a RI 20-97, Estimated Earnings During Military Service, and mail it to the appropriate military finance center identified below, with a copy of your DD Forms 214s. The completed form or letter showing the estimated earnings will be returned to you. You will need to send a copy of your DD 214.

Upon receipt of your estimated earnings, take the items identified below to your local payroll office to request an estimate of deposit required, and to arrange for payment. Your payroll office may ask you to mail the request directly to DFAS regional payroll center. Your payroll office will be able to provide you the address of your servicing DFAS center.

- SF 2803 - Application to Make Deposit or Redeposit - CSRS
- Military Deposit Worksheet
- Estimated Earnings Form or Letter
- DD Form(s) 214

Where Do I Mail My Estimated Earnings Worksheet (RI 20-97)?

<u>Army</u>	DFAS-Indianapolis Center ATTN: DFAS-PMTMA 8899 East 56th Street Indianapolis IN 46249-0875	Phone: (317) 510-0665 DSN 699-0665 Fax: (317) 510-5575
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<u>Air Force</u>	DFAS-DE/FJY 6760 East Irvington Place Denver CO 80279-3000	Phone: (303) 676-7408 Fax: (303) 676-6218
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<u>Marine Corps</u>	DFAS-Kansas City Center CODE-FCRAF 1500 East 95th Street Kansas City MO 65197-0001	Phone: (816) 926-7652 Fax: (816) 926-3129
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<u>Navy</u>	DFAS-Cleveland Center ATTN: FMAA 1240 East 9th Street Cleveland OH 44199-2055	Phone: (800) 624-7368 (216) 522-6545 DSN 580-6924 Fax: (216) 522-6924
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<u>Coast Guard</u>	Coast Guard Pay and Personnel Center 444 S.E. Quincy Street Topeka KS 66683-3591	Phone: (785) 357-3570 Fax: (785) 357-2544
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<u>Public Health Service</u>	Public Health Service Division of Commissioned Personnel Compensation Branch Parklawn Building Room 4-50 5600 Fisher's Lane Rockville MD 20857	Phone: (301) 594-2963 Fax: (301) 594-2711
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<u>National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration</u>	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Department of Commerce Commissioned Personnel Office 11400 Rockville Pike Room 105 Rockville MD 20852	
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